

# Grace United Church of Christ

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, July 5, 2020  
Worship & Communion



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***We Gather***

Prelude "Air Tendre", Dennis Eliot Jonas Dawson

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P: The LORD is good to all, with compassion for all that God has made.**

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**P: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all words, and gracious in all deeds.**

L: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Come, let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn "God of the Ages , Who with Sure Command" NCH # 592 (insert)

Opening Prayer

***We Listen***

First Reading Romans 7:15-25a

Special Music "Be Thou My Vision",  
Irish Folk Melody, arr. Mark Hayes Jonas Dawson

Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

# God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command

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*Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.*

1 God of the a - ges, who with sure com-mand  
 2 Your pur - pose, just, en - vi - sions mor-tals free;  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,  
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on life's toil-some way;

brought forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty.  
 with stead - fast care be ev - er our de - fense;  
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,  
 Still be our rul - er, guard-ian, guide, and stay—  
 Your love and faith with - in our hearts in - crease;  
 With truth and love guide us through er - ror's maze,

our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 with boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and we shall give you glo - ry, laud, and praise.

*Episcopal priest Daniel Crane Roberts wrote this hymn for a July 4, 1876, centennial celebration at Brandon, Vermont. George W. Warren, composer of the tune, was organist at St. Thomas' Church in New York City for thirty years.*

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10.  
*George William Warren, 1892*

Children's Message

Sermon

Religion the Way it was meant to be!

Pastor Rob

***We Respond***

Pastoral Prayers

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Communion

Prayer after Communion

**God of us all, In the gift of bread and cup we celebrate your presence in our church and in our lives. As your presence unites us in the gift of this holy meal, so we know that in your love we are united wherever we are. Keep true in us that same spirit that has united the Church throughout all generations and bring us soon into physical communion, through that same spirit, which is Christ, the Lord. Amen.**

***We are Sent***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing “

NCH # 593 (insert)

Dismissal

Postlude

"Recessional on 'Materna",  
Samuel A. Ward, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Jonas Dawson

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## Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the  
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing  
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y  
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the  
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our  
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a  
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

Poet James Weldon Johnson was the first African-American to pass the bar examination in the state of Florida, and served as U.S. consul in Venezuela and Nicaragua. He collaborated with his composer brother, John Rosamond Johnson, to write Broadway operettas and edit song collections. John appeared in vaudeville, directed London musicals, and headed the Music School Settlement in New York.

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE Irr.  
 J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the  
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our  
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the  
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the  
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march  
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white  
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 God, true to our na - tive land.



# Daily Bible Readings

## July 2020

**Wednesday,**

**July 1, 2020:**

Psalm 47; Isaiah 51:1-3; Matthew 11:20-24 OR

Psalm 119:161-168; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Matthew 11:20-24

**Thursday, July 2, 2020:**

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 25:19-27; Romans 7:1-6 OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 7:1-6

**Friday, July 3, 2020:**

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:1-17; Romans 7:7-20 OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 2:6-13; Romans 7:7-20

**Saturday, July 4, 2020:**

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:18-29; Luke 10:21-24 OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24

**Sunday, July 5, 2020: Proper 9 (14)**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 • Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14 • Romans 7:15-25a • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Monday, July 6, 2020:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 27:30-46; Romans 1:18-25 OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22; Romans 1:18-25

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:1-14; Romans 3:1-8 OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 28:10-17; Romans 3:1-8

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:31-35; John 13:1-17 OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 13:1-17

**Thursday, July 9, 2020:**

Psalm 119:105-112; Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 2:12-16 OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:1-5; Romans 2:12-16

**Friday, July 10, 2020:**

Psalm 119:105-112; Deuteronomy 32:1-10; Romans 15:14-21 OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:6-11; Romans 15:14-21

**Saturday, July 11, 2020:**

Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 2:1-4; John 12:44-50 OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 52:1-6; John 12:44-50

**Sunday, July 12, 2020: Proper 10 (15)**

Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112 • Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 • Romans 8:1-11 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Monday, July 13, 2020:**

Psalm 142; Micah 1:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 OR Psalm 92; Leviticus 26:3-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8



**Tuesday, July 14, 2020:**

Psalm 142; Jeremiah 49:7-11; Ephesians 4:17-5:2 OR Psalm 92; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020:**

Psalm 142; Obadiah 15-21; Matthew 13:10-17 OR Psalm 92; Proverbs 11:23-30; Matthew 13:10-17

**Thursday, July 16, 2020:**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-9 OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 41:21-29; Hebrews 2:1-9

**Friday, July 17, 2020:**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Hebrews 6:13-20 OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:9-17; Hebrews 6:13-20

**Saturday, July 18, 2020:**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Exodus 14:9-25; Matthew 7:15-20 OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:18-20; Matthew 7:15-20

**Sunday, July 19, 2020: Proper 11 (16)**

**Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 • Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17 • Romans 8:12-25 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**Monday, July 20, 2020:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20 OR Psalm 75; Nahum 1:1-13; Revelation 14:12-20

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 33:1-17; Galatians 4:21-5:1 OR Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1-13; Galatians 4:21-5:1

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21 OR Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1-13; Matthew 12:15-21

**Thursday, July 23, 2020:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20 OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:28-37; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

**Friday, July 24, 2020:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53 OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53

**Saturday, July 25, 2020:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:31-30:24; Matthew 12:38-42 OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Matthew 12:38-42

**Sunday, July 26, 2020: Proper 12 (17)**

**Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 • 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136 • Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

**Monday, July 27, 2020:**

Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:25-36; James 3:13-18 OR Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 3:16-28; James 3:13-18

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020:**

Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:37-43; Ephesians 6:10-18 OR Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Ephesians 6:10-18

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020:**

Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 46:2-47:12; Mark 4:30-34 OR Psalm 119:121-128; Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33; Mark 4:30-34

**Thursday, July 30, 2020:**

Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 14:1-2; Philippians 4:10-15 OR Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Proverbs 10:1-5; Philippians 4:10-15

**Friday, July 31, 2020:**

Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 41:8-10; Romans 9:6-13 OR Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 51:17-23; Romans 9:6-13



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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